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Executive Gardner Announces Upcoming Events and Park Improvements Sponsored By Frederick County Parks & Recreation

FREDERICK, MD – With spring around the corner, now is a good time to plan to attend popular events, sign up for programs and set aside time to enjoy park amenities offered by the Parks and Recreation Division, announced Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner today.

"I encourage everyone to come out and enjoy our special events, sign up your children for summer camp or get a first-hand look at the many improvements that are in the works," said Executive Jan Gardner.

In 2017, nearly 15,000 people came to events such as the Easter Egg Roll at Rose Hill Manor, Catoctin Creek Park open house Nature Fest and Bark in the Park.

Summer camp registration is now open and the *Recreater* brochure will be mailed to 70,000 homes this week. There are sports, history, art, cooking, nature or other programs for every member of the family.

More than 2 million people visit one of 19 facilities or enjoy the 2,100 acres of county parkland each year. Six projects are about to begin or are undergoing upgrades this year:

- **Ballenger Creek Trail**: Connecting the Kingsbrook Community to businesses at Westview South and from there to the Ballenger Creek Park and Tuscarora High School.
- **Kemptown Park**: Improvements to parking lots, trails, shelters, lighting and signage.
- Othello Regional Park Phase I and Utica District Park Phase 2: new projects with amenities including shelters, two synthetic turf fields, one natural multipurpose field, extensive walking trails, playgrounds, roadways and a restroom.
- **Point of Rocks Community Commons Park**: a new park that will feature a picnic shelter, walking trails, an outdoor amphitheater, parking lots and more.
- Sugarloaf Elementary School Park/School Facility: providing indoor recreational space, including an oversized gym and multipurpose room that can hold fitness or enrichment activities.

For more information about Frederick County Parks and Recreation special events or park facilities, call 301-600-2936 or visit www.Recreater.com.

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